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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT PEREZ TO PRESIDENT CARTER ON CAMP
DAVID MEETING

REF: STATE 205989

1. CHARGE WAS CALLED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY EVENING OF
AUGUST 29 AND HANDED PRESIDENT PEREZ' RESPONSE (DATED
AUGUST 28) TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S LTTER OF AUGUST 15 ON
THE CAMP DAVID MEETING ON THE MIDDLE EAST. INFORMAL
TRANSLATION FOLLOWS. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED TO
ARA/AND/V-SERGEANT.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MR PRESIDENT:
I APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING ME YOUR COMMUNICATION OF
AUGUST 15 IN WHICH YOU TRANSMITTED SOME COMMENTS CONCERNING
THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND YOUR INITIATIVE
OF INVITING PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN TO
CAMP DAVID.

THE PROBLEM OF THE MIDDLE EAST IS THE MOST EXPLOSIVE
AND DELICATE PROBLEM CONFRONTING THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY, NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE CONSTANT DANGER OF WAR,
BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF THE THREAT WHICH IT POSES TO THE
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PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE ENTIRE WORLD. IN SPITE OF THE
ASSIDUOUS EFFORTS WHICH HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT BOTH
BILATERALLY AND MULTILATERALLY TO RESOLVE THE SITUATION,
DISCORD AND TENSION PERSIST.

THE INITIATIVE TAKEN BY PRESIDENT SADAT NINE MONTHS
AGO, WHICH I CALLED IMPRESSIVE, ADMIRABLE AND BRAVE,
WAS A HISTORIC STEP OF EXTRAORDINARY SIGNIFICANCE

WHICH, FOR VARIOUS REASONS, HAS NOT PRODUCED THE EFFECT WHICH WE ALL ANZIOUSLY HOPED FOR. THIS MEANS THAT SUCH A POSITIVE STEP COULD BECOME THE CAUSE OF A WHOLE CHAIN OF VERY GRAVE EVENTS WHICH MIGHT EVEN AFFECT PRESIDENT SADAT PERSONALLY AND POLITICALLY PROVOKING DRASTIC CHANGES IN THE COMPREHENSIVE AND BRAVE EGYPTIAN POSITION, AS I HAD OCCASION TO MENTION TO SECRETARY VANCE DURING OUR MEETING AT LA GUZMANIA (PRESIDENTIAL SEASIDE RESIDENCE) RESULTING FROM THAT SPECTACULAR ACCOMPLISHMENT.

WE KNOW THAT THE UNITED STATES COULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACE IN THE REGION. WE HAVE FOLLOWED WITH SOLIDARITY AND INTEREST THE CONCRETE STEPS THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN AND THE DEDICATION YOU HAVE SHOWN IN THE SEARCH FOR FORMULAS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF YOUR PRESIDENCY.

YOUR INVITATION TO PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN TO MEET WITH YOU IN CAMP DAVID IS AN ACT DEMONSTRATIVE OF THE UNBREAKABLE DETERMINATION WHICH ANIMATES YOU IN THE ARDUOUS TASK OF FINDING A SOLUTION. I SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE REGION HAS REACHED A CRUCIAL POINT, AND THAT WE MUST PREVENT THE SITUATION FROM DETERIORATING FURTHER.

AS YOU KNOW, THE POSITION OF VENEZUELA ON THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT HAS BEEN BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242 WHOSE IMPLEMENTATION WE HAVE REPEATEDLY URGED. IN
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THE UN AND IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL ITSELF, WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE DECISIONS WHICH HAVE SOUGHT TO REAFFIRM THAT RESOLUTION 242 REMAINS IN FORCE AS WELL AS THOSE WHICH TEND TO ASSURE THE ISRAELI NATION ITS RIGHT TO EXIST FREE OF THREATS AND AMBUSHES DEMANDING AT THE SAME TIME THE IMMEDIATE RETURN OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND RESPECT FOR THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO HAVE A NATIONAL HOME.

I MUST TELL YOU IN ALL FRANKNESS THAT THE HARDNESS OF PRIME MINISTER BEGIN IS NOTORIOUSLY HARMFUL TO ISRAEL. THAT IS WHAT I TOLD THE HISTADRUT DELEGATION, WHICH JUST VISITED US, IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR. IT CAN BE MOST DRAMATIC FOR THE ISRAELIS NOT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS EXTRAORDINARY OPPORTUNITY IN ADDITION TO WHICH THAT IT COULD DRAG THE WORLD INTO A CONFLICT OF UNFORESEEABLE CONSEQUENCES.

I RECEIVE YOUR INITIATIVE WITH PLEASURE SINCE IT REPRESENTS A NEW EFFORT TOWARD PEACE. I APPRECIATE YOUR KINDNESS IN SENDING ME YOUR COMMENTS CONCERNING THESE UPCOMING CONVERSATIONS WHICH, AS YOU SAY, OPEN ANOTHER CRUCIAL STAGE OF NEGOTIATION. I HOPE THAT THROUGH DIALOGUE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE UNDERSTANDING-

AT A POLITICAL LEVEL WHICH WILL GIVE A VIGOROUS IMPULSE
TO THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR AGREEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST
WHICH WILL BRING A STABLE AND JUST PEACE.

CORDIALLY, CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ. END QUOTE
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